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### Goldsboro and Raleigh District

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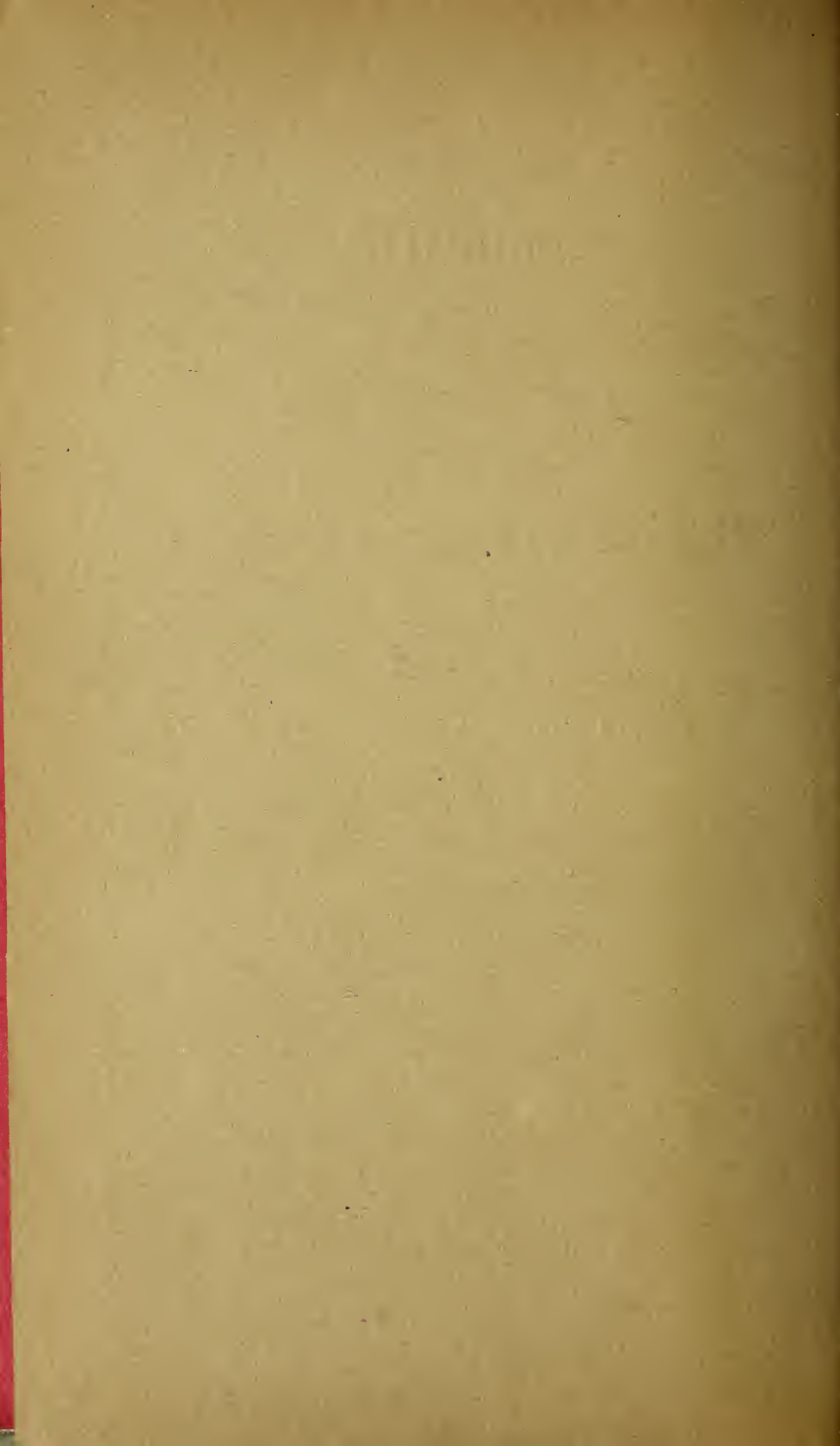
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## ASSEMBLY OFFICERS ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR 1933-34

Elder A. B. Aycock, Chief.

Elder W. B. Parks, Assistant Chief.

Elder I. W. Faison, Secretary, R. 2, Box 5, Faison, N. C.

Elder A. Parker, Assistant Secretary.

### COUNCILMEN

Elder H. D. Davis, P. O. Box 16, Kinston, N. C.

Elder J. C. Artice, Faison, N. C.

Elder W. G. Best, Box 111, Selma, N. C.

Elder C. R. D. Whitfield, 216 E. Shine St., Kinston, N. C.

Elder W. A. Fordham, Goldsboro, N. C.

Elder G. B. Borden, Clinton, N. C.

Elder E. F. Johnson, Dover, N. C.

### TRUSTEES

Elder H. D. Davis, Elder C. R. D. Whitfield, Elder W. G. Best,  
Elder A. B. Aycock, Elder J. H. Rouse, Elder E. F. Johnson  
Elder W. A. Fordham.

Elder C. R. D. Whitfield, Treasurer.

Elder J. E. Dunn, Superannuate Treasurer.

## PROCEEDINGS

Grifton, N. C., Oct. 17, 1933

According to the decision of the 60th. annual Assembly of the Colored Disciples of Christ of the Goldsboro-Raleigh District, the 61st. annual Assembly met, with the Grifton Chapel Church of Christ, Grifton, N. C., Elder E. F. Johnson, Pastor. The devotionals were conducted by Chief Elder W. A. Fordham, singing hymn no. 214, "My soul be on thy guard." Assistant Chief Elder E. F. Johnson read scripture lesson from the 18th. chapter of St. Matthew and in a beautiful way explained the passage read and Elder R. Thompson led in prayer. Elder E. F. Johnson then led in singing hymn no. 250, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," at which time we joined in shaking hands. The Chief after some pointed remarks, pronounced the house in order for business. Elder L. S. Britt was then appointed to preach the Guide sermon with Elder J. R. Best alternate.

The hour having arrived for preaching, Elder J. R. Best read from the 10th. chapter of Romans for a lesson, and presented Elder L. S. Britt who chose for his text, Acts, 26:26 "None of these things were done in a corner." Subj: "The impossibility of hiding the gospel." The speaker brought forth some strong facts about the gospel and led us away in the spirit. Elder J. R. Best then lined and sang hymn no. 178 "Come ye that love the Lord" and extended an invitation to those out of Christ. The Chief called for the finance solicitors who raised the amount of \$3 10.

The pastor Elder E. F. Johnson made some announcements and we adjourned for dinner. Dismissal until 2:00 o'clock by the Chief.

At 2:00 o'clock the session was called to order by the Chief Elder W. A. Fordham, singing "Try us oh God and search the ground." The Chief Elder W. A. Fordham delivered his annual address, outlining his service for the past year. The Assistant Chief Elder E. F. Johnson spoke briefly of his work during the past year. Elder J. D. Henry, Secretary, arose and thanked the brotherhood for honors placed upon him and offered his service if re-elected, likewise did Elder I. W. Faison, Assistant Secretary.

The Chief and house then appointed a Committee on Permanent Organization as follows:

Elder J. R. Best, Elder J. H. Harper, Elder A. Parker, Elder J. E. Dunn, Elder W. M. King and Elder L. D. Wiggs

The committee returned with the following report:

Brother Chief and Brethren, We recommend for Chief, Elder A. B. Aycock; for Assistant, Elder W. B. Parks; for Secretary, Elder I. W. Faison; for Assistant, Elder A. Parker.

Elder J. R. Best  
Elder J. H. Harper  
Elder A. Parker  
Elder J. E. Dunn  
Elder W. M. King  
Elder L. D. Wiggs  
Committee

The above mentioned Elders after having been duly elected thanked the assembly for the office of trust in which it had placed them. Chief Elder A. B. Aycock took up the business in the following manner

Appointment of Committee on Divine Worship Bro. L. H. Bryant, Bro. Claud Saunders, Bro. E. P. Phillips, Sister Lenora Dixon and Sister Elnora Edmonson.

Finance Committee: Elders W. A. Fordham and J. C. Artice

Examination for Ordination: Elders J. H. Rouse, H. D. Davis and E. F. Johnson.

Statistics: Elders J. D. Henry and W. M. Hopson.

Finance Solicitors: Elders S. L. Lofton and J. H. Harper.

Ministerial Character: Elders J. H. Frazier, Louis Brit, E. Z. Coley.

Temperance: J. R. Best, J. L. Lee, A. L. Hart, H. L. Shepherd and W. M. King.

Grievance: Elders P. H. Howell, R. B. Banks, Z. V. Quinerly, G. R. Fields and R. Croom.

Eulogy: Elder J. A. S. Hopson, Alberta Battle and J. J. Jones.



New Churches: Bros. Wm. Exum, L. Livingston, A. R. Yelverton.  
 Bible Schools: Elds. C. L. Witfield and D. P. Holloway; Bros. M. A. A. McLaurin and C. L. Barnes.

Marshall, Elder J. H. Smith.

Mail Carrier: Elder P. R. Mewborn.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP

Bro. Chief and Brethren, We, your Committee on Divine worship beg leave to report: We recommend for tonight Elder J. D. Henry to preach and Elder J. H. Harper alternate, and for tomorrow at 11:00 o'clock Elder Jas. Wilks to preach and Elder K. K. Wiley alternate.

Bros. C. Saunders  
 E. P. Phillips  
 L. H. Bryant  
 Sisters Lenora Dixon  
 Elnora Edmonson  
 Committee

#### TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After a few voluntary songs prayer was offered by Elder R. Thompson, then a selection by the choir, after which the 23rd. Psalm was read by the pastor, Elder E. F. Johnson. Hymn no. 72 was sung by the choir and Elder J. H. Harper read a scripture lesson from Acts 15, prayer by Elder James Wilkes. The choir sang another selection and Mrs. A. D. Grimes was presented as mistress of ceremony of the well prepared program. The welcome address on behalf of the local church was delivered by Mrs. Lillian Grimes. It was ably responded to by Elder John D. Henry. Rev. Parry Case, Principal of the Grifton High School (white) spoke on the difference between the white and colored disciples and welcomed us to the city on behalf of the white churches. It was a splendid and helpful lecture. Elder W. R. Steeley, Chief of the W. and N. District was introduced to respond and proved himself master of the task. Miss Cerent Douglass spoke on behalf of the Woman's Home Mission, response by Eld. J. R. Spencer. Prof. H. R. Reese, principal of Grifton High School welcomed us on behalf of the schools. Elder C. L. Whitfield responded in a beautiful way. Solo by Miss Martha Hunter. At the close of the inspirational literary program Elder J. H. Harper arose singing one of his favorite songs and presented Elder J. D. Henry who preached from Acts 4:17, 5:29, "But that it spread no further" and "We ought to obey God rather than men," Subject: "They just wouldn't quit." The speaker painted his discourse with beautiful colors and proved himself a master of church history, the sermon was highly enjoyed by all present. Elder J. H. Harper extended an invitation to those out of Christ. The finance solicitors raised the amount of \$4 05. After assignment of homes we were dismissed.

Benediction by the Chief.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Chief Elder A. B. Aycock called the house to order and choose Elder K. K. Wiley and Elder Wm. Hopson to conduct the devotionals. Elder Wiley lined and sang hymn 151 and Elder Hopson read from 1 Thess. 5, and Phil. 4. Prayer by Elder J. R. Spencer, second hymn 277 "That awful day will surely come" and we joined in a hand shake of fellowship. The Chief announced the house in order for business. The minute of the previous day session and service was read and adopted. Elder James Graham was removed from the committee on ministerial character because of a complaint.

The roll of elders was called. (see elders roll.) Recess for preaching.  
 Benediction by the Chief.

## PREACHING SERVICE

At 11:00 o'clock the devotionals were conducted by Elder K. K. Wiley lining hymn 197 and read the scripture lesson from John 15, and sang the above hymn then Elder A. L. Hart offered prayer. Second hymn no. 129 was sung and Elder Wiley presented Elder James Wilks, who chose a text from Matt. 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven," subject: "Get in the way." The speaker did justice to his discourse and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Elder Wiley extended the gospel invitation. The finance solicitors raised the amount of \$5.20. Recess for dinner.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Chief called the house to order, singing, "Savior more than life," and pronounced the house in order for business, first calling roll of Elders, (see elders roll) It was proposed and agreed that the aged Elders R. Croom and J. H. Frazier, the former 66, and the latter 65 be exempted from dues here and hereafter, carried. The Chief Elder Aycock presented the Chief of the W-N district, Elder W. R. Steeley who brought greetings from the east. Elder J. R. Spencer was introduced and spoke beautifully and both were highly enjoyed by all.

The Committee on Divine Worship brought the following report:

For tonight, Eld. J. R. Spencer to preach and Elder P. H. Howell alternate; tomorrow at 11: a m., Elder Claud Winstead to preach, and Elder G. B. Forden alternate. Sisters Elvora Edmonson, Leora Dixon, Bros. Claud Saunders, E. P. Phillips and L. H. Bryant, Committee

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE

After a number of voluntary songs and prayer, Elder P. H. Howell lined hymn no. 159 "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" and read the 10 chapter of John, above hymn sung, and prayer by Elder H. L. Shepherd. After another selection the finance solicitors raised \$5.02. Elder Howell presented Elder J. R. Spencer Asst. Chief of the W. and N. district who chose for a text Matt. 28:19 "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." The speaker preached with power and ease and the result was an able sermon. Elder Howell extended the gospel invitation. The pastor arranged for homes and we were dismissed by the Chief.

## THURSDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Chief called the house to order at 9:30 a. m. and selected Elders C. L. Whitfield and R. B. Banks to conduct the de-otional exercises. Eld. R. B. Banks lined and sang hymn 273, "Did Chrst over sinners weep?" Elder C. L. Whitfield read the scripture lesson from the 22nd. chapter of Proverbs. Elder E. Z. Coley led in prayer, hymn 364 "Father I stretch my hands to thee" and the house was pronounced in order for business. The proceedings of the previous day were read and adopted. Next was calling roll of churches (see statistical table) By mutual consent of the brotherhood the representation coming from Brother Turner Hopkins was not accepted but was returned to him until he has been licened by his church.

Dismissal for preaching.

### THURSDAY MORNING DIVINE SERVICE

At 11:00 o'clock a.m. the Service began with voluntary singing and prayer offering. Elder G. B. Borden lined and sang no. 276 "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord" and read scripture lesson from Hebrews 10th. chapter, and Elder J. H. Frazier led in prayer. Elder Borden then arose singing one of his favorite songs "Unprepared to meet thy God" and presented Elder C. Winstead who chose for a text, St. John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"

The speaker preached with power and ease. Elder Borden gave the closing remarks and extended an invitation to those out of Christ. The finance solicitors raised an offering amounting to \$7.20. Dinner recess.

### THURSDAY EVENING

At 2:00 o'clock the Chief called the house to order by singing one of his favorite songs. Calling the roll of churches was continued (see table) A proposal was carried that Elder J. H. Artist be excused from 1933 dues.

The Committee on Divine Worship recommended, for tonight, Elder W. H. Peel to preach and Elder H. D. Davis alternate. Adjournment being in order, we adjourned to meet Friday morning in a business session at 9:30 o'clock. Benediction by the Chief.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

At 7:30 the congregation began singing and prayer offerings. Elder H. D. Davis lined and sang hymn no. 214 "My soul be on thy guard" and read for a scripture lesson Matt. 15th. chapter, and prayer was offered by Elder R. Thompson. Elder Davis lined and sang second hymn no 150 "Father I stretch my hands to thee" and Elder J. R. Spencer announced the funerals of the Elders who had departed this life, to be preached Friday morning. The solicitors raised \$6.00, then Elder Davis presented Elder W. H. Peel who came forward and preached a soul-stirring sermon from Matt: 16:18, subject 'The Church of Christ.' Elder Davis closed, and extended an invitation to those out of Christ. Benediction by the Chief.

### FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The session opened by the Chief singing hymn no. 129 "Am I a soldier of the cross?" Eld. R. Thompson read scripture lesson from the 20th. Psalm. Elder A. L. Hart led in prayer, second hymn 148 "Come holy Spirit, heavenly dove" was sung and all joined in a hand of fellowship. The Chief then pronounced the house in order for business. The minute of the previous day was read and adopted. Calling roll of churches was continued. (see table)

### REPORT OF FRATERNAL DELEGATES

We met with the brethren of the East and they had a very nice session and we enjoyed.

Elder W. A. Fordham  
Elder W. B. Parks  
Elder W. G. Best

Benediction by the Chief.



## FRIDAY MORNING EULOGISTIC SERVICE

At 11:00 o'clock the congregation began singing. Elder A. B. Aycock and Elder J. H. Smith were appointed to conduct the funeral of the deceased Elders H. H. McLaurin, Eld. J. E. Wiggs and Wm. Godwin.

Elder Smith sang a few stanzas of a hymn and read the scripture lesson from the 90th. Psalm, second hymn "Why do we mourn departed friends," Bro. Stephen Sherrod led in prayer. Elder J. D. Henry, with graceful diction read the obituaries. Elder A. B. Aycock was presented to preach, and after singing a solo, chose for a text 2 Tim 2:3 "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," sub: "Endurance." Elder Smith spoke briefly from the same subject and extended an invitation to those out of Christ. The finance solicitors raised the amount of \$6.00.

## FRIDAY EVENING BUSINESS SESSION

Oct 20, 1933.

The house was called to order by the Chief who lined and sang hymn, 214 "My soul be on thy guard," and pronounced the house in order for business.

### COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP

Bro. Chief, We, your Committee on Divine Worship beg leave to report: We recommend Elder W. A. Fordham to preach tonight and Elder C. L. Whitfield his alternate.

L. H. Bryant  
 Claud Saunders  
 E. P. Phillips  
 Lenora Dixon  
 Elnora Edmonson

### NEW CHURCHES

Bro. Chief and Brethren: We, your Committee on New Churches beg leave to report: We find one new church, St. Paul Zebulon, N. C., with 10 members.

Eld. Wm. Exum  
 Bro. L. Livingston  
 Bro. A. R. Yelverton

Committee

### MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

Bro. Chief and brethren, We, your Committee on Ministerial Character beg leave to report: Only one case came before us to impeach the character of Elder J. L. Dunn, after calling the parties in question we settled the matter in the spirit of love.

Eld E. Z. Coley  
 Eld. L. S. Britt  
 Eld. J. H. Frazier

Committee

### COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE

Bro. Chief and Brethren, We, your Committee on Grievance beg leave to report: We had a few complaints come to us but we were able to settle them with ease.

Elder Z. V. Quinerly  
 Elder R. Croom  
 Elder P. H. Howell  
 Elder R. B. Banks  
 Elder G. R. Field

Committee

## COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Brother Chief and Brethren:

We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to make our report:  
We find all of our ministers living temperate lives.

Elder J. R. Best  
Elder J. L. Lee  
Elder A. L. Hart  
Elder H. L. Shepherd  
Elder Wm. King  
Committee

## EXAMINATION FOR ORDINATION

Brother Chief and Brethren.

We, your Committee on Examination for Ordination beg leave to report: Eleven applicants came before us and five passed, Bros. Fred Ashford, Clayton Baker, M. L. Lofton, T. H. Armstrong and D. P. Holloway.

We recommend that the others return to their studies, Bible, History, Geography and English.

Elder J. H. Rouse  
Elder H. D. Davis  
Elder E. F. Johnson  
Committee

## ORDINATION SERVICE

At 4:30 o'clock the following Brothers were ordained into the ministry, Bros. Fred Ashford, C. Baker, D. P. Holloway, M. L. Lofton and T. H. Armstrong.

It was proposed and agreed that Elder E. Hargett be restored and his name restored to the Elder's roll carried.

**ELECTION of OFFICERS.** It was proposed and agreed that Elders H. D. Davis, J. C. Artice, W. G. Best, C. R. D. Whitfield, W. A. Fordham, G. B. Barden and E. F. Johnson be the Councilmen for 1933-1934. (carried) It was proposed and agreed that the Trustee Board remain as before with Elders H. D. Davis, C. R. D. Whitfield, W. G. Best, A. B. Aycock, J. H. Rouse, E. F. Johnson and W. A. Fordham. (carried)

For Treasurer, Elder C. R. D. Whitfield. Superannuate Treasurer, Elder J. E. Dunn.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL BOARD

Grifton, N. C. Oct. 20, 1933.

Brother Chief and Brethren:

We, your Council Board beg leave to report. We have had the following matters before us: Our attention was called to the church at LaGrange and we left this for further consideration. We were called to make some action in the Harveytown church affair. We were then called to consider the Vanceboro church, we recommend that the pastor be sent back to said church and another election be held in the presence of one of our councilmen to see that it is fair. We received a letter from St. James at Goldsboro respecting the resignation of Elder J. H. Fraizer, wherefore we recommend Elder Louis Britt for the charge. We received a request from St. Luke Goldsboro by its delegate Bro. Amos Artice for payment of a note in the amount of \$50.00 due them by this Assembly, and our note read that we pay as proceeds are collected, therefore we recommend that a payment be made at this assembly. Now in regard to the church in Harveytown, Kinston we left for future consideration.

Elder J. C. Artice tendered his resignation from St. Mark, Stantonburg, N. C. and Elder H. D. Davis resigned from Phillippi, Greenville, N. C., both being accepted by the Board. A request was made by the Ayden church for a \$150.00 loan. In regards to the church at Greenville and the church at Stantonburgh we were unable to do as their Board asked us but we assigned Elder H. D. Davis to St. Mark, Stantonburg and Elder J. C. Artice to Phillippi, Greenville. The church at Stems was without a pastor and we assigned Elder Clayton Baker to the same. In the affair at Vanceboro mentioned above, further discussion turned more light on the affair and the Chief by mutual consent assigned Elder Louis Britt to the pastorate of said St. James Vanceboro.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder H. D. Davis  
Elder J. C. Artice  
Elder W. G. Best  
Elder C. R. D. Whitfield  
Elder G. B. Borden  
Elder E. F. Johnson  
Elder W. A. Fordham.  
Councilmen,

## ON EULOGY

Brother Chief and Brethren:

We, your Committee on Eulogy beg leave to report: After close investigation we find that it has pleased the Lord to take from our rank 57 members since we assembled last, three of that number were ministers, namely: Elder Wm. Godwin, Elder H. A. McLaurin and Elder J. E. Wiggs.

They were great men in the Bible School and church field at large, but God had provided better things for them and called them from labor to reward.

Elder J. A. S. Hopson  
Sister Alberta Battle  
Bro. J. J. Jones, committee

## STATISTICAL TABLE & REPORT

Total received, 882; baptized, 429; excluded, 160; died, 63; financial membership, 3,353; total membership, 6,744; general contribution, \$594.84; value church property, \$130,435.00; paid pastors, \$5,509.24; paid other ministers, \$553.38; local expense, \$2,415.75; raised by Bible Schools, \$133.17; total raised, \$8,223.39. Number of Elders, 58; local preachers, 13; churches, 85. Value of School property, \$10,000.00.

Elder Wm. Hopson, Elder J. D. Henry, Committee.

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## CHURCH and POST OFFICE PASTOR and DELEGATE

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## ROLL OF ELDERS

Elder C. R. D. Whitfield, 216 E. Shine St., Kinston, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder A. B. Aycock, Pikeville. N. C., m.p. & p.	\$5.00
Elder W. B. Parks, 901 Holly St., Rocky Mount, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder I. W. Faison, R. 2, Box 5, Faison, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder A. Parker, Kinston, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder H. D. Davis, P. O. Box 16, Kinston, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder J. C. Artice, Route 1, Faison, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder W. G. Best, P. O. Box 111, Selma, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder W. A. Fordham, R. 2, Box 132, Goldsboro, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder G. B. Barden, Clinton, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder E. F. Johnson, Dover, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder J. H. Rouse, Princeton, N. C. due \$2	pd. \$2.50
Elder J. F. Whitfield, 1716 8th. St. N. W. Washington, D. C.	
Elder C. H. Cordon, Philadelphia, Pa., exempted	
Elder H. O. Wiggs, Wilson Mills, N. C. due 50c.	\$2.00
Elder L. D. Wiggs, Route 6, Goldsboro, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder K. K. Wiley, 110 Dewey St., Goldsboro, N. C. due \$2.50	\$2.50
Elder W. W. Webb, 511 E Walnut St., Wilson, N. C. due \$7.50	
Elder W. M. King, Kinston, N. C. due \$2.50	
Elder C. L. Whitfield, 2311 Hanson Ave., Norfolk, Va.	\$2.50
Elder J. R. Best, Mt. Olive, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder Louis Britt, R. 2, B. 260, Goldsboro, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder R. B. Banks, Macon St., Kinston, N. C. due 50c.	\$2.00
Elder James Boykins, P. O. Box 284, Wilson, N. C. due	\$6.50
Elder R. Croom, Grifton, N. C. exempted	
Elder E. Z. Coley, 713 E. Green St., Wilson, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder George Barnes, Tarboro, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder N. B. Chapman, due \$6.50	
Elder J. T. Cox, due \$2.50	
Elder E. M. Cox, Kinston, N. C. exempted	
Elder J. E. Dunn, Route 5, Kinston, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder J. L. Dunn, Grifton, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder R. H. Exum, Faison, N. C. due \$6.50	
Elder G. R. Fields, due \$3.50	
Elder J. H. Frazier, Goldsboro, N. C. exempted	
Elder J. T. Foy, Cove City, N. C. due \$1.50	pd. \$1.00
Elder James Graham, Kinston, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder A. L. Hart, Zebulon, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder N. A. Hart, Durham, N. C. due \$2.50	\$2.50
Elder W. I. Hawkins, Wilson, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder J. H. Harper, Ayden, N. C. due \$3.00	\$2.00
Elder J. D. Henry, 121 Front St., Clayton, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder E. L. Henderson, Stantonburg, N. C. due \$1	pd. \$3.50
Elder P. H. Howell, Route 6, Goldsboro, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder C. H. W. Holloway, Raleigh, N. C. due \$5.50	
Elder N. H. Holloway, due \$2.00	
Elder Wm. Hopson, Freeman, Va. due \$3	pd. \$2.50
Elder J. W. Jones, Selma, N. C. exempted	
Elder J. T. Jones, Route 2, Box 214, Norfolk, Va.	due \$2.50
Elder J. S. Johnson, Goldsboro, N. C.	due \$2.50
Elder S. L. Lofton, 406 George St., Goldsboro, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder J. L. Lee, Faison, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder J. F. McLaurin, 812 Person St., Fayetteville, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder Wm. McArthur, New Bern, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder J. Hale, Norfolk, Va.	d.
Elder J. W. Pitt	due \$7.50

Elder J. R. Pitt, Pikeville, N. C.		\$2.50
Elder Z. V. Quinerly, Grifton, N. C.	due \$3.00	pd. \$1.50
Elder C. D. Royal, R. 5, Clinton, N. C.		\$2.50
Elder T. S. Simmons, La Grange, N. C.		\$2.50
Elder J. H. Smith, Norfolk, Va.	due \$3 00	\$2.50
Elder H. L. Shepherd, Kinston, N. C.	due \$1.00	\$1.50
Elder R. Thompson, Bailey, N. C.		\$2.50
Elder P. R. Mewborn, Ayden, N. C.		\$2.50
Elder James Wilks, New Bern, N. C.	due \$2.50	pd. \$2.50
Elder J. A. S. Hopson, Drewryville, Va.	due \$2.00	pd. \$3.50

## DUE ELDERS

Elder James Hill	\$22.50	Elder James Artice	\$32.50
Elder S. L. Kirkman	\$22.50	Elder G. T. Taylor	\$22.50
Elder Moses Battle	\$32.50	Elder J. Davis	\$37.50
Elder J. Moses	\$37.50	Elder W. H. A. Williams	\$42.50
Elder J. T. Barnes	\$42.50	Elder N. T. Kirkman	\$42.50
Elder J. Raynor, Kinston, N. C.			exempted
Elder J. S. Cannon		paid	\$1.50
Elder I. Morris		paid	\$2.50
Elder B. M. K. Stephens, Ayden, N. C.	due 75c	paid	\$1.75

## LOCAL PREACHERS

Bro. Henry Artice	paid	\$1.50
Bro. J. H. Hawkins	due	\$1 50
Bro. Sam Pearson, Goldsboro, N. C.	due	\$1.50
Bro. L. Troublefield, Mt. Olive, N. C.	due	\$1.50
Bro. Joe Johnson, Wilson, N. C.	due	\$1.50
Bro. J. E. Royster	Paid	\$1.00
Bro. Wm. Grantham, Kinston, N. C.		\$1.50
Sister Carrie Wooten, Fountain, N. C., R. F. D., 1, Box 144-A		\$1.50
Bro. Amos Robertson, Clinton, N. C.		\$1.50
Bro. J. S. Hargrove, Clinton, N. C.		\$1.50
Sister Ida Simms, Wilson, N. C.		\$1.50
Sister Henrietta Corbitt, Wilson, N. C.		\$1.50
Bro. Jessie Haney		\$1.50

## DECEASED ELDERS

Eld. H. A. McLaurin  
Eld. H. O. Wiggs  
Eld. Wm. Godwin

## NEW ELDERS

Elder Fred Ashford, Kinston, N. C.	
Elder D. P. Holloway, La Grange, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder Clayton Baker, Bunn, N. C.	\$2.50
Elder M. L. Lofton, Goldsboro, N. C.	\$1.00
Elder T. H. Armstrong, Goldsboro, N. C.	

## ROLL OF DELEGATES

Bro. Claud Saunders	\$1.50	Bro. Hosie Dove	\$1.50
Bro. Willie Wright	\$1.50	Bro. E. P. Phillips	\$1.50
Sister Leora Dixon	\$1.00	Bro. B. F. Thompson	\$1.50
Bro. John J. Jones	\$1.50	Sister Elnora Edmonson	\$1.50
Bro. L. Livingston	\$1.50	Bro. W. J. Exum	\$1.50
Sister Alberta Battle	\$1.50	Sister Henrietta Williams	\$1.50
Sister Alsenda Ford	\$1.50	Bro. A. R. Yelverton	\$1.50
Bro. C. Barnes	\$1.50	Bro. Ed. Jackson	\$1.50
Bro. Jasper Lee	\$1.50	Bro. Stephen Sherrod	\$1.50



## COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SCHOOLS

Bro. Chief and brethren, We, your Committee on Bible Schools submit the following report: We find 64 schools within the bounds of the Assembly, 32 in number one district and 32 in number two district; in no. 1, 13 represented, and in no. 2, 14 represented. In no. 1 District nineteen failed to represent, and in no. 2, eighteen. We recommend that each Bible School Convention in the Goldsboro and Raleigh District Assembly, namely, No. 1 and No. 2 have the space of 10 minutes at each annual session to call the roll of Elders for the purpose of collecting their dues (50c.) since it is inconvenient for many of them to attend the Conventions. We also recommend that resolution 43 of the Assembly minutes relative to Deacons attending Bible School, and resolution 18 relative to Children's day service be enforced by the pastors of the various churches. We also recommend that all pastors attend the Bible School.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder D. P. Holloway  
Elder C. L. Whitfield  
Brother C. Barnes

## MINISTERS AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

Bro. Chief and brethren, We beg leave submit our report of the Ministers and Laymen's Mid-Summer Conference. We met according to appointment with St. Mark Church of Christ, Goldsboro, N. C., June 13, 1933, and we had a grand session with 14 Ministers and 6 Deacons. All Ministers and Laymen are asked to meet the next session at St. Mark Church of Christ, Goldsboro, N. C., Tuesday after the Second Sunday in June, in 1934.

Respectfully submitted, Elder W. G. Best, Chief.

Elder P. H. Howell, Asst.

Elder D. P. Holloway, Sec.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received at this Assembly .....	\$737.74
Paid out for Assembly and Council expense.....	\$554.05
Balance in hand.....	\$183.69

Elders W. A. Fordham and J. C. Artice, Committee.

## FRIDAY NIGHT DIVINE SERVICE

Business being ended, Elder J. H. Harper sang a spiritual and the finance solicitors raised an offering, the amount being \$3.50, after which Elder R. Thompson came forward and presented Elder C. L. Whitfield to preach, Elder W. A. Fordham being absent on business. Elder Whitfield arose singing a favorite hymn and preached a powerful sermon from Jer. 3:23, sub: "The true salvation." Elder W. R. Steeley made some pointed remarks and Elder R. Thompson extended the Gospel invitation.

Elder C. L. Whitfield pronounced the benediction which formally closed the 61st. Annual Assembly.



### REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL CONVENTION NO. 1.

Brethren, We are representing with \$5.00 this year. E. L. Battle, Pres.

### REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL CONVENTION No. 2.

Brethren, We are representing to this Assembly with \$5.00, we hope to do more in the future.

M. A. McLaurin, Pres.

### REPORT OF W. H. M. CONVENTION

Brethren, We, the W. H. M. represent with \$5 00. Sis. D.S. Parks, Pres.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved, That all money paid during the sitting of the Assembly shall be reserved for the following purposes. After all expenses have been paid: One-fourth shall be deposited for the Superannuated and the remainder divided equally for the Assembly and Educational purposes, Goldsboro and Raleigh District, and Church Extension Washington and Norfolk District.

2. Each apportionment shall have a different treasurer and all collectors shall deposit the funds collected in the treasury for which it is collected and, further, that no draft on these funds be honored by these treasurers except legally signed by the proper authorities.

#### **SPECIAL FOR THE GOLDSBORO CHRISTIAN INST.**

(a) Teacher's salary, expense funds and all other expenses shall be paid directly by the treasurer of the Educational Funds upon requisition by the president of the Institute upon regular forms, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Trustee Board, a copy of which shall be sent to the Scribe of the Assembly and Educational Treasurer for his payment.

(b) The Principal shall file written report to the Chairman of the Trustee Board once each month, giving average daily attendance and running expense, and report annually to the Assembly, giving complete and detailed report.

(c) The Trustee Board shall report to the Assembly annually, and this report shall comprise the total monthly reports of the Institute.

3. The said moneys shall not be paid or used or any other purpose without consent of the General Assembly.

4 No minister of the Disciple faith shall maltreat his wife, or deny being married when from home. Preachers guilty of such offenses shall be referred to the Council of Seven for trial, and their service with the connection shall cease until acquitted. No minister or member of the church shall leave his wife and marry another except for cause of fornication.

5. No man belonging to the Disciples shall be allowed to give out circulars, subscription papers, or ask aid of any congregation that he is not in charge of for any purpose without permission from the pastor in charge.

6. No man belonging to the disciples shall be allowed in any of the churches to preach unless he can show printed license from the assembly.

No brother with the disciples shall be set apart to preach unless he has a common school education, a working knowledge of the Bible, good morals and a good christian character.

7. All ministers who accept the choice of a church or churches shall serve for the period chosen if possible, and no minister shall promise to, or pastor two churches whose service days and hours are the same.

8. No man coming from the denominations shall be set apart to preach for the disciples until he understands the gospel as taught by the disciples.

No young brother that has been raised up among the disciples shall be set apart to preach the gospel until the pastor and congregation are well satisfied that he is qualified, but he shall be given power by his pastor and congregation to exercise his gift, and all local preachers shall co-operate with the pastor.

9. All pastors and congregations shall give letters of dismissal when requested. All members who leave their church for twelve months shall apply before leaving for a certificate of absence. All members who are away from their church shall correspond as often as once in three months.

10. All Elders must be connected with some local congregation. Each Elder is requested to pay to the assembly \$5 00 annually, and delegates \$3.

11. Any member of the church found intemperate shall be tried by the church and if found guilty shall be expelled until reformed.

12. That no preacher be found around the congregation of another preacher, if so his license shall be revoked.

13. That when a pastor has resigned a church, or a new pastor called, the church shall send a letter of commendation to the Assembly, respecting his honor as he has done.

14. That in town, a church may be built of new members within one-half mile, and in the country two miles, but can receive no members from the old church except by letter.

15. I, W. A. James, propose that no minister belonging with the disciples, who knowingly does not conform to the rules of the General Assembly, or uses his influence in his congregation for the same, shall be elected to any office or appointment of the General Assembly.

16. Any member of any local congregation who does not do his or her duty shall not be allowed any voice in the congregation, or elected as a delegate to the Assembly, Union meeting or any other important meeting.

17. That the Assembly request that each member pay \$1 00 annually to the assembly. Each church shall have an Educational Rally during the summer, and the collections, be or go for educational purposes (Goldsboro and Raleigh) and the proceeds sent to the Assembly.

18. There shall be a Children's day service held in each year for the Convention and the proceeds, after expenses have been paid, turned over to the Assembly.

19. No money or moneys shall be paid out of the Assembly treasury without an order signed by the Chief and Scribe.

20. That all Elders shall attend Union meetings in their respective districts, failing to do so they shall not pastor our churches, except they have a lawful excuse. Elders who are not pastors failing to attend shall not be appointed to pastor any of our churches, and the Chief shall be notified, and he shall refer them to the Council.

21. That all deacons and officers shall co-operate with their pastor, and upon failure they shall be excluded from office. (see 43)

22. That all ministers who receive candidates for baptism should baptize them as early as possible.

23. No church shall have the right to elect more than one Elder to serve during the year, but the pastor in charge has the power to choose any preacher that he desires to assist him on any Sunday during his absence.

24. No preacher coming from the denominations shall hold any charge as pastor until he has been in the connection twelve months.

25. No Council shall remove a preacher from his church to which he is called or sent except for cause affecting his moral or christian character.

26. That no deacon have the power to close the doors of the church against the pastor, or stop him from preaching, but can notify the Chief of the Assembly, and he shall refer him to the Council.

27. No church shall run another preacher against the pastor, and he shall be voted on first. Should the majority of financial members vote against him, the church can vote on other preachers, two or more. This election shall be held in the regular conference, or on the regular preaching Sunday in September. If held in conference, however, the members must be notified in advance.

28. No member shall have the right to invite any preacher to preach at the church to which he or she belongs except by permission of pastor or deacon, and said invited preacher shall not accept said invitation, without knowledge of the pastor.

29. There shall be a Sunday School Assembly in each Union Meeting district annually, and the proceeds reported to the Assembly.

30. All pastors of churches shall have control of all money raised in preaching service except expense of preaching service on said day.

31. No church shall elect a man as deacon who has not been in the church one year.

32. The officers of the assembly shall be elected annually. The nominating committee shall be appointed, one-third by the Chief and two-thirds by the house, and no one shall serve on that committee who has a difference with the Chief.

33. Resolved, That these resolutions go into effect upon their adoption by the General Assembly and shall be null and void without the vote of the General Assembly, and preachers who fail to comply with any one or more of them shall be silenced until they do comply.

34. That all women preachers among the disciples must have a pastor, and be subject to their pastor in regards to her mission or church.

35. Resolved that the Trustee Board of the Goldsboro-Raleigh district shall not have the power to give a mortgage, or borrow any money on the school property without the consent of the Assembly and Chief and Councilmen of the G. R. district; No money shall be paid out of the treasury of either the Assembly, School or of the Superannuate, except by an order signed by the Chief and Scribe of this Assembly.

36. That should a complaint arise against a resident minister, the Chief of the Assembly shall be notified, and he shall refer it to the Council if necessary.

37. Eliminated.

38. That no sinner shall be a member of any of our choirs, and no quartet composed of sinners shall be allowed in any of our churches.

39. That any district assembly organized other than by, and under auspices of this General Assembly in our boundaries shall be considered bogus and unauthorized.

40. That no member or members shall organize anything in any church without consent of the deacon board and pastor.

41. Be it resolved, that there shall be three special sermons: viz: a Temperance sermon; an Educational sermon, and a Doctrinal sermon preached at each assembly, and the preachers appointed to preach them from one assembly to the other.

42. Resolved, that there be no prohibition against a preacher of the Western district pastoring in the East and Eastern preachers pastoring in the West, providing, however, that the churches represent it their respective districts, and each pastor shall be accountable for the collection of said funds and its delivery to the proper district.

43. That all deacons be required to attend Sunday School, Prayer meetings and other religious service, and that on time, else they shall be dropped from office and new appointments made by pastor and church.



44. **Resolved**, That we accept the Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Convention, except as to salaries, and recommend the following scale: President, \$7.00 for the term; Vice, \$3.00 for the term; Scribe, 7 00 for the term; Asst; \$3.00 for the term, and Banking Committee, \$2.00 each per day and railroad fare or its equivalent.

45. That there shall be created the office of District Supervisor, and his duty shall be to sit in the official column and see that the rules of the Assembly are carried out as per resolutions, and shall preside at such times as questions involving the Chief are being discussed, and shall receive ten dollars (\$10 00) annually for his service.

46. **Resolved**, that there shall not be any drums or timbrels allowed as a form of worship in any of the churches of Christ in our districts.

47. That all members of the churches of Christ who are delinquent with their pastor shall not be allowed to unite to any other church of Christ until such member pays those delinquent funds, and when a pastor resigns a church no delinquent member shall be placed in office or considered a legal member. Any pastor receiving such person or persons into any of our churches shall be removed as pastor.

48. That there shall be a Minister's and Laymen's Conference held each year at the Goldsboro Christian Institute for the Minister's and Laymen of the Goldsboro Raleigh District and there shall be a similar Conference held in the Washington-Norfolk District at such time as they deem appropriate.

49. That the agreement of the Minister's and Deacon's Union relative to the church polity be adopted by this Assembly as a permanent guide for the Church.

50. That all ministers be compelled to attend the Ministers and Laymen's Conference in their respective district, and that ministers be requested to study the questions for discussion in the next session.

51. **Resolved**, that the Chiefs shall call the Seven Councilmen together, and preside over the Council Board when sitting as a Joint Council.

52. That the Chief and Assistant Chief shall not serve on the Council Board.

53. **Resolved**, that all auxiliaries be subject to the Assembly.

54. That all Treasurers who misplace monies intrusted to their care shall be removed from office until the money is replaced.

55. That the Supervisor shall not be a member of the Council Board by reason of his office.

56. **Resolved**, that the of Chiefs and Scribes be cut as noted: Chief to be paid \$15.00; assistant \$10.00; Scribe \$15.00; assistant \$10.00.

57. In case of a vacancy occurring between assemblies by death or any trouble that may occur between church and pastor, the church shall have the right to elect another preacher and notify the Chief and Council, and they shall assign said preacher if possible, and any unauthorized minister found interfering in any way with the filling of the said vacancy shall be counseled.

58. That any church so desiring may pay its pastor a standard salary.

### Aim and Plea of the Church

We, the Disciples of Christ of Eastern North Carolina and Virginia, wishing to be in complete accord and agreement on the doctrine of the Church, set forth the following which has been the slogan of the Church for more than one hundred and sixty years:

General aim of the Church: Restoration of the New Testament teaching and practice.

Plea of the Church: No creed but Christ; no book but the Bible; no name but the Divine.

Where the Book speaks, we speak; where the Book is silent we are silent. In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

At..... Name.....

Received..... Baptized.....

Excluded..... Died.....

Financial Membership..... Total Membership.....

Delegate.....

Pastor in charge for 19..... Elder.....

Elder..... was elected in September.

We held no election, please send us Elder.....

General Contribution - - - - - \$.....

Next years Assessment - - - - - \$.....

Paid Pastor - - - - - \$.....

Paid Evangelists - - - - - \$.....

Paid local ministers - - - - - \$.....

Church Repairs - - - - - \$.....

Local Expenses - - - - - \$.....

Union Meetings - - - - - \$.....

For Sunday School - - - - - \$.....

For Education - - - - - \$.....

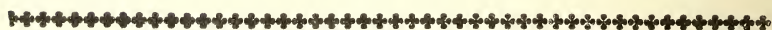
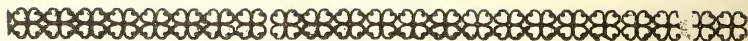
Valuation of Church Property - - - - - \$.....

Total - - - - - \$.....

For the year ending..... 19.....

Secretary .....

Preaching Sunday .....



In Memoriam  
Our Dead

